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FW. WORTH, TEXAS--ALLEN DULLES, FORMER CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY CHIEF, EXPRESSING CONCERN THAT "THE AGENCY MIGHT FALL VICTIM TO "A NUMBER OF MYTHS," LAST NIGHT URGED GREATER UNDERSTANDING OF HOW THE AGENCY FUNCTIONS.

"IT IS NOT TRUE," DULLES SAID, "THAT THE CIA IS IN CONFLICT WITH THE STATE DEPARTMENT. THE STATE DEPARTMENT IS MADE AWARE OF EVERY ACTION TAKEN BY THE CIA AND GIVES ITS APPROVAL BEFORE THE CIA ACTS."

"IT WOULD BE A GREAT LOSS," HE SAID, "IF THE CIA WERE ABANDONED OR DISSOLVED BECAUSE OF THESE MISUNDERSTANDINGS OR MYTHS THAT HAVE GROWN UP ABOUT THE AGENCY."

DULLES SAID IN THE 15 YEARS SINCE ITS FOUNDING THE CIA HAS GROWN TO A POSITION THAT GIVES IT DOMINANCE OVER ITS RUSSIAN COUNTERPART.

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